

Twycross Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on: **Thursday 9th May 2024 directly after the Annual Electors Meeting, at Twycross Village Hall.**

001/24 Present & apologies

Cllrs: A Taylor, J Hadfield, D Bonser-Hadfield, A Tolli
District Councillor B Sutton

Apologies: County Councillor B Harrison-Rushton, Cllr M Humphreys

3 members of the public in attendance.

Councillor A. Taylor proposed the above apologies be accepted, Councillor Hadfield seconded.

002/24 Election of the Chair/Vice Chair and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr D Bonser Hadfield proposed Cllr A Taylor continue in his role as Chair, Cllr A Tolli Seconded.

Cllr A Taylor proposed that Cllr J Hadfield continue in his role as Vice Chair, Cllr A Tolli seconded.

Cllr A Taylor and Cllr J Hadfield signed the Declaration of Office forms.

003/24 Declaration of interests - None

004/24 Public questions and comments (10 minutes)

A member of the public asked for any news on the land ownership bordering the Village Hall. Both Cllrs A Taylor and J Hadfield explained that this is on-going and we have no further information at present.

A member of the public asked about access to the noticeboard in Twycross. The clerk updated them that a new lock will be fitted and then they are welcome to have access in order to place local notices.

A member of the public raised the issue of speeding through Twycross and the danger that it poses. Cllr A Taylor explained that this is an issue that we have been consistently raising over many years, including involving the police and local MP.

Cllr A Taylor spoke about the speed check group that has been set up in Sheepy Magna, he believes something similar could be set up in Twycross if we could get enough volunteers. He will look into this further.

District Councillor B Sutton expressed the view that he feels the signs we currently have are not effective as they do not give people enough notice before reaching the more populated parts of Twycross.

Cllr A Taylor concluded the public session and thanked those for attending, he explained the value of members of the public attending the meetings.

005/24 **Approval of the previous minutes – March 24**
 The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Unanimously agreed.

006/24 **Update from District and County Councillors**
 County Councillor B Sutton was in attendance and updated the Parish Council on local issues including his concerns over LCC not having had their accounts audited for the last 3 years and have now employed a private firm to carry this out.

B Sutton voices his concerns over the local plan which he has only briefly been able to look at. He is worried about a plan being in put into place for 20 years when it has been overseen by people with limited local knowledge and experience.

007/24 **Correspondence**

All correspondence had been circulated.

008/24 **Planning applications, consultations & updates**

No	Ref	Subject	Application Date
i	24/00270/FUL	<p>Erection of detached dwelling, formation of access from Pipe Lane and associated works-</p> <p><i>The following comments has been submitted by the Council prior to this meeting:</i></p> <p><i>Twycross Parish Council objects to this application as we do not wish to lose any more of our conservation area within the rural hamlet of Orton on the Hill. The threat to the TPO protected tree on the application site is significantly risky. The tree in question is a beautiful, healthy, established veteran Horse Chestnut tree which holds a very prominent feature of this part of the village. Its appearance is particularly enhanced, at present, by its setting in a mown paddock – this development would destroy that setting.</i></p> <p><i>The application plans make no provision for surface water drainage – there are no ditches local to the site, so any run-off would be onto Pipe Lane and its properties which are already suffering from increased drainage issues.</i></p> <p><i>This single track lane cannot take any more traffic after a large increase in residential properties recently and with no pavements can this lane cope with yet more cars and delivery vehicles. The parish council have been made aware of a number of car and pedestrian near misses recently.</i></p>	27/03/24
ii	24/00284/OUT	Outline planning application for the erection of one self-build/custom build dwelling, Land corner of The Green and Pipe Lane, Orton on the Hill	03/05/2022

009/24 **Financial information**

Balances as at 23/04/24

Comm unity	17081.94	BMM	10785.88	Petty Cash	0	Total	27867.82	U/P Chqs.	0
Transactions for Community Account up to 26/04/2021									
Date	Ref	Payee	Details				Value £		
05/04/24	BACS	Geoffrey Cantwell	Grounds Maintenance				£175.00		
09/04/24	DD	Nest	Clerk Pension				£42.73		
11/04/24	BACS	LRALC	Annual Subs				£403.67		
11/04/24	BACS	Zurich	Annual Insurance Renewal				£1246.22		
11/04/24	BACS	Npower	Phone box electricity				£196.81		
23/04/24	CHG	HSBC	Bank Charges				£10.00		

Cllr A Taylor proposed that we accept the April bank reconciliation, Cllr J Hadfield seconded, unanimously agreed.

- i. Audit Update and review of Internal Audit Report
The Clerk have an overview of the AGAR form, accounting statement, end of year accounts and reserve funds.

Cllr A Taylor proposed that we accept the end of year accounts and AGAR form and, reserves. Cllr D Bonser- Hadfield seconded.

Cllr A Taylor signed the AGAR form, EOY bank reconciliation and reserve funds.

0010/24 **New Road Signs for Twycross**

The Parish Council decided on the look and wording for two replacement road signs.

0011/24 **Councillor reports/local issues – Orton on the Hill**

No issues

0012/24 **Councillor reports/local issues – Norton Juxta Twycross**

The Clerk reported that she has reported the flooding issues to both Severn Trent And HBBC.

0090/24 **Councillor reports/local issues – Twycross**

Cllr J Hadfield will notify the clerk of the location of rotting footpath signs and posts so that they can be reported to be repaired or replaced.

Cllr J Hadfield spoke about his concerns over parking on Sheepy Road for Twycross School, the clerk is to contact the school.

Cllr D Bonser-Hadfield spoke about organising a date to clean out and tidy up the Ponds in Twycross.

The meeting was closed at 9.12pm

Next meeting: Thursday 11th July, 7.00pm, Norton Juxta Twycross Village Hall.

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